and special tourism areas and strengthening of publicity campaigns in the tourist generating markets.

Plot of land for Indian Airlines at New Delhi

1560. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines had blocked over Rs. 1465 lakhs as security deposit in 1984 for a plot of land in New Delhi for the construction of a city Terminal office;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Indian Airlines has not taken possession of the land in question till 15th February, 1993;

(c) if so, the losses incurred by way of interest on account of this security deposit; and

(d) the action taken by Government against the concerned persons ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Indian Airlines and Air India have jointly deposited Rs. 1465.57 lakh as deposit with Government for a plot of land in New Delhi.

(b) Owing to delay in removal of encroachment, possession has not yet been given.

(c) Loss of interest is notional as the amount was to be deposited in advance in accordance with the terms of allotment.

(d) Government have initiated proceedings against the encroachers.

Termination of agreement in respect of China Town Restaurant

1561. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA :

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the management of the Hotel Ashok, New Delhi has been attempting to terminate the agreement entered into by the parties and M/s. Swechwan Kitchen Caterer to run the China Town restaurant within Hotel Ashok;

(b) whether it is also a fact that during the course of past nine years the young entrepreneurs from North Eastern Region belonging to tribal community have earned good reputation even from Chinese delegations and from all sections of people who visit the restaurant;

(c) whether the ITDC has, in violation of all relevant rules, gone out to remove these group of people forming partnership for the restaurant;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what action is being taken by Government to resolve the issues ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Initially, Ashok Hotel, New Delhi entered into an agreement with M/s Swechwan Kitchen Caterer in January 1984 for the operation of a Chinese Cuisine Restaurant in the name of China Town Restaurant in the Hotel for a period of five years. This agreement was renewed twice in 1989 and 1991 on two years' term which finally expired on 14-1-1993. Since the said restaurant is due for renovation in the year 1993-94. ITDC has extended the agreement upto 31-3-1993.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Proposals for promotion of Tourism in Gujarat, Haryana and Delhi

1562. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of proposals for better promotion of tourism in Gujarat, Haryana and Delhi received by the Central Government during the last five years upto the 31st January, 1993;

(b) what is the number of proposals approved, rejected or still pending, indicating the reasons for rejecting each proposal by the Central Government;

(c) what is the financial assistance proposed to be provided by the Central Government to the State Governments in this regard during the next financial year in 1993-94 District wise/Central wise; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons thereof ?